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## *Fawns Family Inducted Into Route 66 Hall of Fame*

The Wilbur Fawns Sr. family of Williamsville and Sherman was inducted into the Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame on June 8. Several members of the Fawns family attended the ceremony at Lincoln College in Lincoln and received two plaques – one for Wilbur Fawns Sr. and one for family members.

It all started in 1937 when Wilbur Fawns, Sr. began working at a service station along Route 66. The family owned and operated gas stations in communities along Route 66 for 75 years.

People and places that have made "significant contributions to the character or history" of the state's portion of Route 66 from 1926 to 1977 (when the historic route was still an official U.S. highway) are eligible to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to the Fawns family!

## *In the Village...*

- The Village Office and the Library will be closed in observance of Independence Day on Thursday, July 4.
- We are experiencing technical difficulties with the Village website and appreciate your patience as we work through the issues.
- Without generous and committed sponsors, the Williamsville Community Foundation would not be able to put on the community events that everyone enjoys. We would like to take this opportunity to say "Thanks!" to all of our sponsors and let you know that we sincerely appreciate your generosity. **THANK YOU!**

## *Building and Zoning*

Please join us in welcoming Mel Butterfield as our new Director of Building and Zoning. If your plans include some new improvements on your property this summer, you will be likely to meet him!

Thank you to Rick Smith for his hard work and years of service as the Village's former Director of Building and Zoning. Best wishes, Rick!

The Village of Williamsville requires that a building permit be completed for all commercial and residential construction, carports, garages and outbuildings, fences, pools, signs or towers. This includes new homes and buildings, sheds, decks (both attached and freestanding), and driveways. Any remodeling that significantly changes a house will also require a building permit. A permit is required for a new driveway, enlarging an existing driveway or converting a gravel driveway to cement. Repair of existing structures, including driveways and sidewalks, will not require a permit.

Please contact the Village Office at 566-3806 if you have any questions about building permits or stop by and pick one up for additional information.

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## Water/Sewer News

### *Village Board Approves Sewer Increase*

On Monday, June 24, the Village Board approved a 10% sewer increase for the Village which will take effect in 30 days. This is the first sewer increase that the Village has had in several years, but was necessary to keep up with rising costs of maintaining our sanitary sewer system. The increase will show up on your August bill. A minimum usage bill in Williamsville for 1000 gallons of water or less will go from \$20.82 to \$21.74, including both water and sewer.

The ordinance that was passed also included an increase for residential or commercial building sewer permits. Fees went from \$400 to \$500 for a 4 inch sewer tap. Copies of the ordinance may be viewed or obtained at the Village Office and will also be posted on the Village website.

### *Payments*

We are always striving to make paying your water/sewer bills as simple as possible. We currently offer the following options for your payments:

- Customers may pay their water/sewer bill at the Village Hall during office hours or use the drop box outside the door which is available 24 hours a day. You may also mail your bill, but please allow mailing time.
- The Williamsville State Bank and Trust (both Williamsville and Sherman branches) will accept payments (with your bill stub) through the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- Customers may sign up for direct debit and their checking account will be debited on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the billed amount. This guarantees no late fees or postage charges!
- Using the e-Pay option on the Village website, customers may use a MasterCard, Discover or American Express debit or credit card to pay their bill. Credit card companies charge a convenience fee for using this service. Neither the Village nor the State Treasurer's Office receives any revenue from the fee.

When making payments on-line through your bank, please allow for mailing time. We do not receive electronic payments, so your bank will actually print and mail us a check. This may mean that your payment will arrive late if it's not scheduled well in advance. Payments received after the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month will be charged a 10% late fee.

If you have any questions, please contact the Village Office.

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## Central Illinois Community Blood Center Pits WVFD vs. WPD

The Williamsville Fire Department and the Williamsville Police Department are pitting against each other in a friendly competition this summer with the Central Illinois Community Blood Center (CICBC) to see which group can encourage the most blood donations.

This is the first year of the public safety competition in Williamsville. The winning agency will be given the opportunity to throw a cream pie in the face of the losing side's department leader.

The first drive was held at the Williamsville Police Department on Saturday, June 8. Twenty-five units were collected and 8 of the donors were first timers. Future drives are:

### BIRCH LANE PROJECT UPDATE

A special board meeting of the Village Board was held on June 12 regarding the Birch Lane/Evergreen Court project where the sanitary sewer, storm sewer and street will all be replaced. The Village Engineer, Kevin Kuhn from Kuhn & Trello, presented plans for the project which may possibly begin in October and take about 9 months to complete. Anyone interested in inspecting the plans and exhibits may visit the Village Hall or call 566-3806 with questions.

### HISTORICAL MUSEUM SEEKS DONOR

Recently, the Williamsville Historical Museum received a very generous donation which was dropped off at the Village Office. It consisted of a beautiful black dress, a black "mourning" dress, a black beaded shawl, a "XXOB" band uniform (era 1932), a very rare red "W" and felt music award (era early 1930's - when our school colors were red and white) and a baby dress with bonnet.

We appreciate the generous donation and would like to give this person credit for it as well as thank them wholeheartedly. We would also like to learn as much history as we can about the items. Please call Sarah Benner at 566-3870 with the information.

The museum is always happy to accept items pertaining to Williamsville's history and its residents. We are open Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on alternating Saturdays beginning June 22.

**Saturday, June 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department, 9850 S. Williamsville Road

**Saturday, August 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Williamsville Police Department, 124 South Walnut

**Tuesday, August 27 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department, 9850 S. Williamsville Road

Members of the community are encouraged to donate at a local blood drive in support of the service agency of their choice. As a thank you to donors, limited edition Badges for Life Koozies will be given to all presenting donors at the Williamsville Fire Department and Williamsville Police Department blood drives.

Central Illinois Community Blood Center, a not-for-profit organization, is the provider of life-saving blood for 14 hospitals throughout central Illinois, including Memorial Medical Center and St. John's Hospital in Springfield. A division of Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC), Central Illinois Community Blood Center and MVRBC collect more than 180,000 units of blood annually and serve a total of 87 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin.

Thank you, donors!

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## Williamsville Public Library News...

### *Summer Reading: Have Book Will Travel*

Students in 3rd grade through 5th grade, please join us at the library at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9, Tuesday, July 23 and Wednesday, August 7, as we explore our world. We will travel through the United States and around the world using books to guide our adventure. It should be a fun hour of games and treats. Fight summer boredom with an adventure at the library!

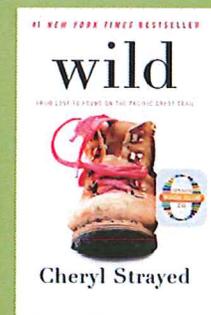
Our Wednesday programs for preschool through 2nd grade at the Community Center at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. have been a huge success. It's still not too late to still join us, just call the library 566-3520 to find out more.

Due to the generosity of the Friends of the Williamsville Public Library, an adult reading program will run from September to November. Check out next month's newsletter for more details.

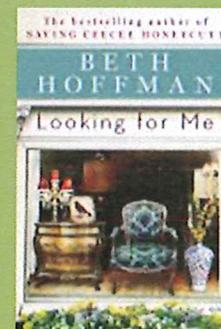
### **Scholastic Book Fair at the Community Center**

Help the library improve their collection of children's books by participating in the Scholastic Book Fair at the Community Center from July 17-19. On Wednesday, July 17, the sale will run from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, July 18, from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday, July 19, the sale will be open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. This is your chance to purchase great books and encourage the children in your life to read every day. It really does make a difference!

The book club will discuss "Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail" by Cheryl Strayed on Thursday, June 27 at 7:00pm at the library. This powerful memoir is the story of an eleven-hundred-mile solo hike.



The book club will discuss "Looking for Me" by Beth Hoffman on Thursday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the library.



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## Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department

The Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department is staffed by dedicated men and women of the community who respond 24/7, 365 days a year to fire, medical and other emergencies. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:00. If you are interested in becoming a member of our team call us at 566-3311 or visit us at one of our meetings.

### *Chief's Note:*

Summer is here which brings several things to watch. Kids are out of school so watch for children riding their bikes, chasing balls into the street or just enjoying the summer and not paying attention to their surroundings. Grilling and burning also require caution. Don't leave a grill or an outdoor fire unattended. Summer is also a time for thunderstorms and lightning. If you see lightning go inside. Most lightning injuries and deaths occur outside or under a tree.

### *Safety Tip: Fireworks Safety*

**According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, in 2012 four people were killed by either professional-grade or homemade firework devices and an estimated 9,600 consumers were injured.** More than half of firework injuries were the result of unexpected ignition of the device or consumers not using fireworks as intended. Fireworks injuries most often resulted in burns to the hands and head, including the eyes, face, and ears. According to the special study, sparklers, firecrackers, and aerial devices were associated with the most incidents.

Consumers who decide to purchase legal fireworks are urged to take these safety steps:

- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks. Parents may not realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees-hot enough to melt some metals.
- Always have an adult closely supervise fireworks activities if older children are allowed to handle devices.

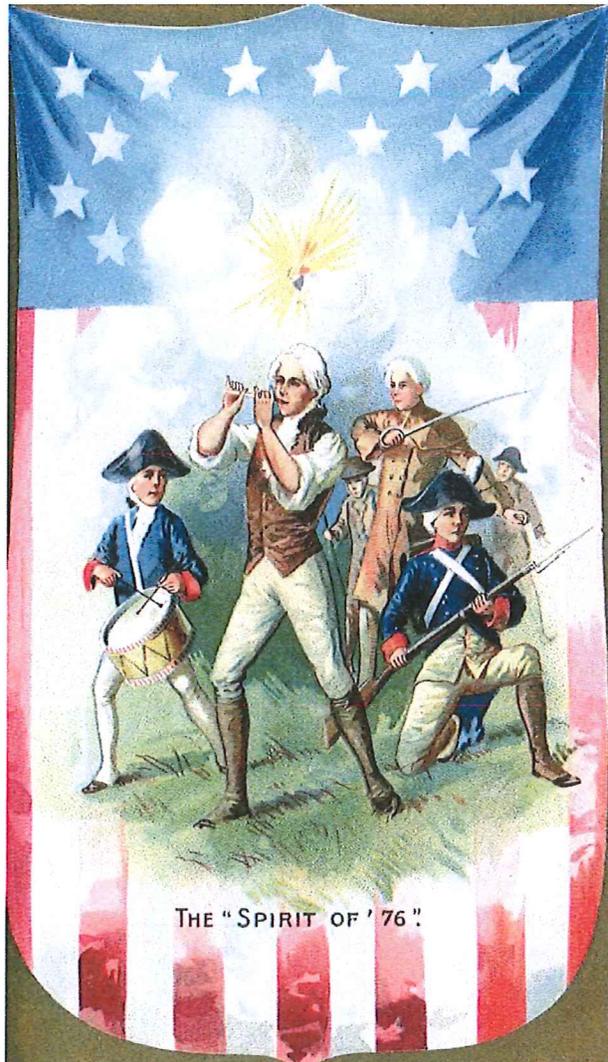


- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Never try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.

For additional information:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Newsroom/News-Releases/2012/CPSC-Special-Study-on-Fireworks-Incidents-Finds-Hundreds-of-Injuries-a-Day-Surrounding-July-4-Holiday-Festivities/>

*Please join us in the park for our...*



**ANNUAL  
COMMUNITY  
4<sup>th</sup> of JULY  
CELEBRATION**

**Sunday, June 30**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Samuel H. Jones Park  
Main Street  
Williamsville**

- Pork Chops, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Soda sponsored by the Williamsville United Methodist Church
- Ice Cream and Cake Social
- Entertainment by Melanie Dennison
- Bring your blanket or chair for the fireworks display!

Rain date: July 7

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## Williamsville Community Calendar

### July

- July 1 WCF Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Village Hall  
July 2 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
July 2 Library Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Boxcars  
July 2 Woodcarvers in Community Center 7 p.m.  
July 3 Summer Reading (Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. at Comm. Ctr.  
July 4 Fourth of July -Village Office & Library Closed  
July 6 Garden Club Meeting at 9 a.m. (Menzel's)  
July 8 Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
July 9 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
July 9 Summer Reading (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) 1:00 p.m. at the Library  
July 9 Bingo 6:30 p.m. at Community Center  
July 10 Summer Reading (Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. at Comm. Ctr.  
July 16 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
July 17 Summer Reading (Pre-K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. at Comm. Ctr.  
July 17 Scholastic Book Fair at the Community Center 5 – 8 p.m.  
July 18 Scholastic Book Fair at the Community Center 10 a.m.-8 p.m.  
July 19 Scholastic Book Fair at the Community Center 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
July 20 Woodcarvers in Community Center All Day  
July 22 Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
July 23 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
July 23 Summer Reading (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) 1:00 p.m. at the Library  
July 25 Book Club will discuss "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed at 7:00 p.m. at the Library  
July 30 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library

### August

- August 3 Garden Club Meeting 9 a.m. Village Hall  
August 3 Woodcarvers in Community Center 5-9 p.m.  
August 5 WCF Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Village Hall  
August 6 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
August 6 Library Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Boxcars  
August 7 Summer Reading (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) 1:00 p.m. at the Library  
August 8 Quarter Auction, 6:30 p.m. at Community Center  
August 12 Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
August 13 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
August 13 Bingo 6:30 p.m. at Community Center  
August 20 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
August 21 Woodcarvers in Community Center 7 p.m.  
August 26 Village Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.  
August 27 Coffee Hour at 10:00 a.m. at the Library  
August 29 Book Club will discuss "Looking for Me" by Beth Hoffman

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## Village Board Meetings

The regular semi-monthly meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The public is always encouraged to attend. Special board meetings and committee meetings are scheduled as needed. Dates and agendas for all meetings are posted on the board near the door of the Village Hall and may also be reviewed on the Village website. The July Board meetings are July 8 and 22 and the August Board meetings are August 12 and 26.

Village of Williamsville  
141 W. Main St.  
217.566.3806

*Office Hours*  
7:30-11:30 am  
12:30 -3:30 pm  
Monday-Friday

*Approved Minutes and Agendas  
may be viewed at the Village Office or the website at  
[www.williamsville.illinois.gov](http://www.williamsville.illinois.gov)*

Village Fax 217.566.2105	Fire Non-Emergency 217.566.3311
Police Non-Emergency 217.566.3634	Water Emergency 217.306.5803
Library 217.566.3520	Post Office 217.566.3651

Village President Thomas R. Yokley 217.306.0004	Economic Development Trustee Valerie Patterson 217.414.0197	Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks & Storm Sewers Trustee Mark Esker 217.566.3357	Water & Sewer Trustee Matt Bunger 217.473.2690	Public Safety Trustee John Brennan 217.652.5511	Parks & Recreation Trustee Dave Carter 217.566.2349	Finance Trustee Skylar Tierney 217.638.2402	Village Clerk Karen Humphres 217.566.3806	Treasurer Heidi Dowell 217.566.3806
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